

Medical Officer's Report for the Year 1942

To the Chairman and Members of the Wimborne & Cranborne Rural District Council

The Minister of Health has directed that the Sanitary Report for 1942 shall again be abbreviated and confined to essential and urgent matters, especially those arising from the War and exceptional administrative measures.

Statistics are to be preserved but not included in this interim report.

There was no unusual prevalence of epidemic or other diseases during the year and the health of the population on the whole remained good.

The only new administrative measure was the Council's Scheme for implementing the Minister of Health's Scabies Order, 1941. This Scheme has worked well. The following table shows briefly the number of cases of scabies dealt with. It includes only those cases which were reported to the Medical Officer of Health. Others no doubt occurred.

Treatment afforded.	Resident		Evacuees		Totals
	Over 16	Under 16	Over 16	Under 16	
Out-Patient Treatment at Minor Ailment Clinics.	8	10	0	4	22
Admitted to hospital.	5	5	3	24	35
Home Treatment	3	5	0	0	8
	16	20	2	28	66

The progress of immunisation against diphtheria is shown by the following table which gives the percentage of the child population immunised up to certain dates since the Council's Scheme was started in 1939. There is still scope for improvement in these figures:-

	Dec. 31st 1940	Sept. 30th 1941	June 30th 1942	Dec. 31st 1942
5 - 15	37.8	52.8	62.5	58.6
6 - 5	6.3	23.9	29.5	49.2

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